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## This Week in Wabash

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Hello, Wabash.

Happy Monday. I hope your week has gotten off to a great start. This weekend I attended a family funeral. Not much clever to say other than make sure you tell those you love how feel as often as possible.

I wanted to take the opportunity in this week's newsletter to tell you about a story coming in Wednesday's paper I've been looking forward to for a while. It's an interview with Oscar-winning writer and actor Billy Bob Thornton and his band, the Boxcutters, who will be taking the stage Thursday at the Honeywell Center.



Thornton's movie filmography reads like a greatest hits collection: "Tombstone," "Sling Blade," "Dead Man," "The Apostle," "U Turn," "A Simple Plan,"

“Armageddon,” “The Man Who Wasn't There,” “Bad Santa” and “Friday Night Lights,” just to name a few.

His reason for being in Wabash has to do with music. So, I took the time to listen to their latest album, “Help...I'm Alive.” As I told Billy Bob and the rest of the band during our phone interview, it reminded me of the Byrds and other similar late-'60s jangle-pop bands. [You should give it a listen.](#)

I was nervous before the interview because Thornton is known to be protective of his private life and has had difficult encounters with the media over the years, [to say the least.](#)

But, our interview went really well. Most of it focused on the music, but I did have a chance to ask two movie questions, which was a real treat.

I'm looking forward to having the story published, and I'll be interested to hear what you think of it.

Well, that's all I have for you today. I'll be back with you next week.

Best,

Rob



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